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ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
MORAVIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 1907.
BEING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ORGANIZATION.

The President, Bishop Levering, called the business meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and on his motion Bro. Eugene Leibert, the only one of the founders of the society present at the meeting, was invited to preside. Twenty-nine members attended.

The following is an abstract of the Treasurer's Report:

RECEIPTS.

Annual Dues,	\$192 00
Interest	190 07
"Vesper" Tickets,	33 25
Museum Box,	2 70
Sale of "Transactions,"	2 30
For Monroe County Monuments,	6 00
Lehighton Memorial Service, surplus,	10 75
Cash on hand August 31, 1906,	324 21
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	\$761 28

EXPENDITURES.

Secretary's, Treasurer's and Librarian's Compensation,	\$ 80 00
"Vesper" Supplies,	21 54
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Commissions,	20 05
Furniture, Table Linen, Crockery, etc.,	19 47
Special Deposit in Nazareth National Bank,	11 07
Taxes,	2 47
Membership Fee, Federation of Historical Societies of Pennsylvania,	2 00
Cleaning Room,	1 50
Monument at Wechquetank,	310 25
Iron Railing enclosing Bruce and Powell Monuments	53 10
Cash on hand August 31, 1907,	239 83
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	\$761 28

RESOURCES.

Cash,	\$ 239 83
Investments,	4803 82
Volume III (copies unsold)	42 27
Graveyard Fund,	36 84
Excess of Liabilities,	<u>255 59</u>
	\$5378 35

LIABILITIES.

Helen Bell Memorial Fund,	\$2276 81
Publication Fund,	1959 10
Zeisberger Memorial Fund,	164 71
Summer House Fund,	589 72
Monroe County Memorial Fund,	103 74
Publication Committee,	195 87
Binding Fund,	76 40
Annual Dues prepaid,	<u>12 00</u>
	\$5378 35

Among the more important donations reported by the Librarian, are the following:

Books, pamphlets, sermons, reports, maps, etc., contributed by Rev. J. F. Pemsel, London; Miss Adelaide Fries, Salem, N. C.; Dr. John W. Jordan, Philadelphia; Bishop E. A. Oerter, Canal Dover, Ohio.

Photographs taken on the site of Wechquetank, by Rev. D. C. Meinert.

On motion of Bro. Paul de Schweinitz, a resolution was adopted fixing the fourth Thursday of September as the date for the annual meeting of the society, and notice was given that at the annual meeting of 1908 the following resolution, amending the Constitution accordingly, will be presented:

Resolved, That Article X of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "in the month of September on such day as the Executive Board shall appoint," and substituting therefor the words "on the fourth Thursday of September," so that the first sentence of Article X shall read "The Annual Meeting shall be held on the fourth Thursday of September."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Bishop J. M. Levering.

Vice-Presidents, Rev. Eugene Leibert, Rev. Edward T. Kluge,

Rev. Wm. H. Rice, Rev. M. W. Leibert, Rev. A. D. Thaeler, Wm. H. Jordan, A. R. Beck, Abraham S. Schropp, C. O. Brunner, Rt. Rev. C. L. Moench.

Secretary and Treasurer, Frank Kunkel.

Librarian, Rev. Edward T. Kluge.

Board of Managers, Joseph A. Rice, Granville Henry, Aug. H. Leibert, Wm. V. Knauss, Rev. H. A. Jacobson.

Library Committee, Rev. Paul de Schweinitz, Rev. John Greenfield, John W. Jordan, Abraham S. Schropp, John F. Bardill, Theodore Kampmann.

Publication Committee, Rev. Eugene Leibert, Rev. Wm. N. Schwarze, Prof. A. G. Rau.

Graveyard Committee, C. E. Michael, G. A. Schneebeli, S. R. Odenwelder, F. H. Martin.

The "Vesper," at 1.45 p.m.

This day having been appointed for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Society, as well as for the formal opening of the addition to the Whitefield House, erected by Bro. Wm. H. Jordan in memory of his father, the late Francis H. Jordan, a larger number than usual of members, friends and invited guests were present at the afternoon gathering. The assemblage numbered one hundred and ninety-nine. While they entered the enlarged Hall of the Society and took their places, several chorals were rendered by the trombone choir of the Nazareth church, whereupon the extension of the building and the memorial tablet to the memory of Francis H. Jordan were formally presented by Bro. Paul de Schweinitz, representing the donor, Bro. Wm. H. Jordan, who was not present, to the Society for Propagating the Gospel, the association which holds the title of the property in trust, and at the conclusion of his remarks he passed the keys of the building to Bishop Levering, the President of the latter Society. Bishop Levering responded, accepting the building in the name of the Society, and formally declared it open for the uses for which it was intended.

The collation followed, after which the names of the members of the society who passed away since the last annual meeting were read, and the usual tribute was paid to their memory. They are: Bishop Henry J. Van Vleck, the Rev. F.

F. Hagen, Robert H. Sayre, J. Cennick Harvey, Miss Minnie Cope, Miss Alice H. Bricker and W. H. Schneebeli.

The following papers were read:

By Prof. Albert G. Rau, M.S., Historical Sketch of the Whitefield House.

By the Rev. Henry A. Jacobson, M.A., History of the Moravian Historical Society from 1857 to 1907, a period of fifty years.

The President then communicated the names of those societies which had been invited to send representatives to participate in these semi-centennial exercises, as well as letters of regret from those who found it impossible to respond in person to these invitations. Cordial greetings and congratulations were then presented by President E. D. Warfield of Lafayette College; Professor P. B. de Schweinitz, of Lehigh University; John W. Jordan, LL.D., Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies; Mr. Luther R. Kelker, representing the Pennsylvania State Library; President Louis Richards, of the Historical Society of Berks County; Dr. F. C. Johnson, Treasurer of the Wyoming Historical and Genealogical Society; Mr. Charles R. Roberts, Secretary of the Lehigh County Historical Society, and Bishop J. Taylor Hamilton, of the German Moravian Historical Society, Herrnhut.

The following have become members of the society since the last annual meeting: *Life Members*, Charles Schropp Thaeler, Francis E. Luckenbach, Bethlehem; *Active Members*, Mrs. Eleanor M. Becker, Mrs. Eugene A. Brunner, Mrs. Charles E. Leibert, the Rev. F. E. Lennox, Winter L. Wilson, Bethlehem; the Rev. William Strohmeier, South Bethlehem; the Rev. Joseph E. Weinland, Tuscarawas, Ohio; Mrs. John W. Jordan, Philadelphia; Miss Adelaide Fries, Salem, N. C.; J. Leonard Kable, York, Pa.; William H. Kingkinger, Mrs. Dalvin M. Leopold, Mrs. Edward T. Mack, Nazareth, Pa.; Isaac Long, Lancaster, Pa.; *Associate Members*, Mrs. H. J. Laciar, Miss Florence A. Leibert, Morris C. Luckenbach, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Society now has one hundred and two life members and two hundred and forty active and associate members, making a total of three hundred and forty-two.